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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRAZIL.

RIO DE JANEIRO—Inspection of Vessels—Plague and Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, January 1:

Three weeks ended January 1, 1910. Vessels inspected: December 14, 1909, Spanish bark *Beatrice* for Pensacola, in stone ballast, with no passengers and no change in crew personnel; December 16, the German ship *Sachsen* for Pensacola, in stone ballast, with no change in personnel and no passengers; December 18, British steamship *Verdi* for New York, with 22 cabin and 3 steerage passengers and no change in crew, and in coffee cargo, also miscellaneous cargo from the River Plate; and Brazilian steamship *São Paulo* for New York, with 40 cabin and 23 steerage passengers and no change in crew and with coffee cargo; December 20, British steamship *Hillsmere* in water ballast for some southern port with no passengers and no change in crew, and steamship *Rathlinhead* for New Orleans, in water ballast and no passengers and no change in crew; December 22, British steamship *Mallinhead* for New Orleans, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in crew, and British steamship *Tocantins* for New Orleans, with coffee, no passengers and no change in crew; December 23, American schooner *Margaret Thomas* for Tampa, in stone ballast, with no passengers and no change in crew; December 24, Belgian steamship *Cavour* for New York, with coffee, 1 cabin passenger and no change in crew; December 29, British steamship *Hillglade*, for some southern port, in water ballast, no passengers and no change in crew; and January 1, 1910, British steamship *Labuan* for New Orleans, in coffee cargo, no passengers and no change in crew.

Mortality—Plague and smallpox.—Week ended December 19, 1909. Total deaths, 214. No deaths from plague, smallpox, or yellow fever. Cases reported, plague 4, smallpox 2. In São Sebastião hospital at end of week, 5 cases of smallpox and 5 of plague under treatment.

Week ended December 26. Total deaths, 236. Two new cases of plague reported. In São Sebastião hospital at end of week, 5 cases of smallpox and 6 of plague under treatment.

Plague on shipping at Santos.—The consul at Santos states in a report received this date that a case of plague occurred on the bark *Amazona* in the harbor at Santos. The vessel was loading coffee for New Orleans. The *Amazona* arrived at Santos about November 15 and the case occurred December 16 in the person of the second officer. He was removed to hospital, where he died. The health authorities report 1 fatal plague case at Santos in November and 4 cases with 2 deaths from December 1 to 29.